

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert E. Foster et al.

Patent No.: **6,767,433**

Application No: **09/845,359**

Group Art Unit: 1764

Filed: May 1, 2001

Examiner: Virginia Monoharan

For: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR SOLAR DISTILLATION

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.322

Attention: Certificate of Correction Branch

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Applicants hereby respectfully request, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.322, that a Certificate of Correction be issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,767,433 to add references omitted from the "References Cited" section of the first page of the issued ribbon copy.

The first group of omitted references was included in an Office Action signed by Examiner Manoharan on December 31, 2002, and mailed by the USPTO on January 3, 2003. Included in this Office Action was a Notice of References Cited (PTO-892), which listed eight (8) U.S. patent document references and two (2) foreign patent documents. Only one of these references (U.S.-6,440,275; Domen, Jean-Paul) was included in the "References Cited" section of the first page of the issued ribbon copy. Applicants respectfully request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,767,433 to include the remaining nine (9) omitted references from this Office Action.

The second group of omitted references was included in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, dated July 10, 2001. This IDS included one reference. Although there are no Examiner initials beside the reference to indicate that the Examiner considered the document, Applicants believe that the document was submitted at such an early stage in the prosecution that the Examiner had ample opportunity to consider the reference and must have considered it. Therefore, Applicants

respectfully request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,767,433 to include this reference.

Further, the undersigned notes for the attention of the USPTO that neither of the aforementioned correspondences (Form PTO-892 from the January 3, 2003, Office Action, nor the July 10, 2001, IDS Form PTO-1449 filed by the Applicants) are included in the Public PAIR file wrapper for the above-referenced patent.

Applicants have enclosed copies of aforementioned correspondences that show the listing of references that were omitted from the cover page of the issued patent. These documents do not appear to be correctly included in the electronic file history of the patent application. Therefore, this error was incurred through the fault of the USPTO, and thus no fee is due. Applicant has included herewith a Certificate of Correction showing the needed change.

Respectfully submitted,



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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page, item (56), column 1, under the header U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS: insert
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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SOLAR DISTILLATION**

PAPERS INCLUDED:

1. Information Disclosure Statement with attachment
2. Copy of Article by Robert Foster and Mike Cormier



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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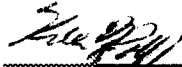
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1.97(c) and notify the undersigned of the fee being due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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